

June 8, 2021

Georgia Medicaid Fee-for-Service Ground Ambulance Upper Payment Limit Supplemental Payment Program

Important Timeline Changes

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is notifying ambulance providers who wish to participate in the Georgia Medicaid Fee-for-Service Ground Ambulance Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Supplemental Payment Program of multiple date changes to the first and second survey periods for calendar year 2020 (Period 1: January 1st, 2020 through June 30th, 2020; Period 2: July 1st, 2020 through December 31st, 2020).

The cover letter sent to providers on March 15, 2021 outlines key dates for both payment periods. **Please note this information has changed.** The new (revised) dates are described below:

Survey Period 1:

Due to the ongoing work with the average commercial rate (ACR) data collection, we anticipate the following payment schedule:

- July 2021: Payments communicated to providers with associated request for IGT funds.
- August 2021: IGT funds obtained from providers.
- August 2021: Payments issued to providers.

Survey Period 2:

- June 7, 2021: Distribution of second payment notification letter.
- June 25, 2021: The ACR survey is due to Myers and Stauffer LC.
- July - August 2021: Myers and Stauffer and DCH will review submitted survey information and calculate the ACR for each service.
- September 2021: Supplemental payments will be calculated based on ACR data and Medicaid FFS claims data. The second supplemental payment will cover ambulance services with dates of service from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- Fall 2021: Payments communicated to providers with associated request for IGT funds.
- Fall 2021: IGT funds obtained from providers.
- Fall 2021: Payments issued to providers.

*** Note: All dates are approximate and subject to change.**

As a reminder, if your organization is not a government-owned (hospital affiliated or free-standing) ground ambulance provider, your organization is not eligible for participation in this program, and you may disregard this message.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Kim Morris, Director of Reimbursement, via email at Kim.Morris@dch.ga.gov or Angelica Clark, Senior Manager, via email at ACClark@dch.ga.gov. Additional details regarding this initiative can also be found on the DCH website at <https://dch.georgia.gov/ground-ambulance-upl>.

Sincerely,

Georgia Department of Community Health